

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-23 (Canceled).**

**Claim 24 (Original):** An image processing method performed by an image supply device storing image data and an image output device performing image processing with respect to the image data, which are connected via a communication path through which the image data is communicated, the method comprising steps of:

transmitting, from the image output device to the image supply device, a status information item pertaining to an operation status of the image output device, at least a part of which is described by a markup language; and

generating, at the image supply device, a control information item pertaining to a resuming operation of the image output device, at least a part of which is described by a markup language.

**Claim 25 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the status information item includes a resumption information item which specifies a printed object which is allocated at a predetermined position in a page layout, and the method further comprises steps of:

storing the resumption information item in the image supply device;

transmitting, as the control information item, a first script including a job start command for resuming a print operation at the image output device, and a second script specifying one image data to be first printed when the print operation is resumed, based on the resumption information item, in a case where the state information item indicates that the print operation is halted; and

resuming the print operation from the printed object, in accordance with the first script and the second script.

**Claim 26 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 25, wherein the resumption information item is transmitted only in a case where the print operation is halted.

**Claim 27 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 25, wherein the resumption information item is transmitted every time a page break is conducted during the print operation.

**Claim 28 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 25, wherein the resumption information item includes at least one of a path information item indicating where the one image data is stored in the image supply device and a number information item indicating how many times the printed object is to be supplied to the image output device repetitively.

**Claim 29 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 28, wherein the number information item is corrected so as to indicate a remained number of the repetitive supply of the one image data before the one image data is supplied to the image output device, in a case where a page break is conducted during the supply of the one image data.

**Claim 30 (Original):** The image processing method as set forth in claim 25, further comprising steps of:

- detecting, at the image output device, a first condition for halting the print operation;
- transmitting, as the status information item, a third script indicating that the first condition is detected;
- halting the print operation after the third script is transmitted;
- detecting, at the image output device, a second condition for resuming the print operation; and
- transmitting, as the status information item, a fourth script indicating that the second condition is detected.

**Claims 31-35 (Canceled).**